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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Brad Titman Grand Island Wastewater Treatment Facility 3013 E Swift Road Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

Re: CERCLA Off-Site Rule: <u>Affirmative Determination</u> of Acceptability for the Grand Island Wastewater Treatment Facility, Grand Island, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Titman:

This letter serves to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made an affirmative determination of acceptability for the receipt of off-site waste at Grand Island Wastewater Treatment Facility in Grand Island, Nebraska (Grand Island WWTF). Pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) Section 300.440(a)(4), EPA has completed an initial assessment of Grand Island WWTF, and finds the facility acceptable for the receipt of off-site waste. Such off-site wastes are defined as wastes generated as a result of activities authorized or funded by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

On September 22, 1993, EPA amended the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR Part 300, by adding Section 300.440, now known as the Off-Site Rule. The rule implements and codifies the requirements contained in CERCLA Section 121(d)(3), and incorporates many provisions of the November 13, 1987, OSWER Directive (No. 9834.11), known as the Off-Site Policy. The Off-Site Rule establishes the criteria and procedures for determining if facilities are acceptable for the off-site receipt of CERCLA waste, and outlines the actions affected by the standard. The Off-Site Rule requires that prior to a facility's initial receipt of CERCLA waste, EPA shall determine if there are relevant releases or relevant violations at the facility.

EPA corresponded with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) to determine Grand Island WWTF's compliance with applicable environmental standards. The results of the correspondence indicate that Grand Island WWTF is currently in compliance with applicable environmental standards. Therefore, effective upon receipt of this letter, Grand Island WWTF is acceptable to receive CERCLA off-site waste at the facility described above. Should any new information affecting this determination develop, EPA reserves the right to revisit this decision.

By issuing this notice, EPA is in no way authorizing Grand Island WWTF to undertake any waste management practice at this facility for which Grand Island WWTF has not been previously authorized by EPA or NDEQ.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Deborah Bredehoft, Regional Off-Site Contact, Region 7, at (913) 551-7164.

Sincerely,

Donald Toensing

Branch Chief

RCRA Enforcement and State Programs Branch

cc: Mr. Bill Gidley, Supervisor

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Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality